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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, FR, IS, UN

SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND THE UNITED NATIONS

SUMMARY: GOF FEELS IT MAY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO MAKE
TOO VISIBLE AN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF POTENTIAL ISRAEL
EXPULSION INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME. THEY HAVE ALREADY
SPOKEN BLUNTLY TO SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON THIS QUESTION
AND ARE NOW AWAITING DISCUSSION AMONG EC-9 IN ROME JULY
7-8, WITH HOPE THAT EUROPEANS WILL AGREE TO LOW KEY
BILATERAL DEMARCHES.
END SUMMARY

JACQUES LEPRETTE, DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR AT FOREIGN
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MINISTRY, TOLD POLCOUNSELOR JULY 4 THAT GOF FEELS U.S.

MAY BE A BIT PREMATURE IN SUGGESTING MAJOR EFFORT TO HEAD OFF ARAB INITIATIVE TO EXPEL OR SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UN. LEPRETTE POINTED OUT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES HAD TAKEN HARD LINE ON THIS SUBJECT WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WHO TRANSITED PARIS ENROUTE HOME FROM WASHINGTON TWO WEEKS AGO. SINCE SYRIA APPEARS TO BE THE LOCUS OF PLANNING FOR THE REPORTED ANTI-ISRAELI INITIATIVE LEPRETTE SAID GOF COULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF WASTING VALUABLE TIME.

LEPRETTE SAID THAT APART FROM SYRIA, FRENCH HAVE NOT NOTICED SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF EXPULSION IDEA IN ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY. MAJOR DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN ON THIS ISSUE BY EC-9, UNITED STATES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS AT THIS TIME MIGHT HAVE THE UNFORTUNATE RESULT OF STIRRING UP THE TYPE OF ACTIVITY WE SEEK TO AVOID. IN ANY EVENT, GOF WILL NOT MAKE ANY FIRM POLICY ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND THEIR MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS HAVE HAD CHANCE TO DISCUSS IT IN ROME JULY 7-8. LEPRETTE SAID GOF WILL RECOMMEND TO ITS PARTNERS IN EC-9 THAT EACH MAKE LOW-KEY BILATERAL APPROACHES IN SELECTED ARAB AND LDC CAPITALS.

COMMENT - GIVEN IMPORTANCE GOF ATTACHES TO EC-9 COORDINATION ON THIS ISSUE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO EXPRESS U.S. POINT OF VIEW TO OTHER EC-8 OR ITALIAN PRESIDENCY IN TIME FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN ROME MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

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